Page 52, line 20:   Change "oxygen" to --enzyme--.

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 3, line 2:   Delete "or 2".

Claim 4, line 2:   Delete "2 or 3".

Claim 5, line 1:   Delete "any".

Claim 5, line 2:   Replace "one of claims 1 to 4" with --claim 1--

Claim 6, line 2:   Replace "5" with --2--.

Claim 7, line 2:   Delete "or 6".

Claim 12, line 1:   Delete "or 9".

Claim 15, line 1:   Delete "or 14".

--16.   The method for retaining a minute droplet according to claim 2, wherein said minute droplet is shot into said liquid layer coated over the surface of said substrate from a surface of said liquid layer.--

--17.   The method for retaining a minute droplet according to claim 2, wherein the surface of said substrate has water repellency.--

--18.   The method for retaining a minute droplet according to claim 3, wherein the surface of said substrate has water repellency.--

--19. The method for retaining a minute droplet according to claim 2, wherein the surface of said liquid layer is covered with a covering.--

--20. The method for retaining a minute droplet according to claim 3, wherein the surface of said liquid layer is covered with a covering.--

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to correct obvious errors and to conform subtitles to U.S. practice.

The claims have been amended to delete the multiple dependencies. New claims 16-20 have been added to recover some of the matter thus deleted.

Examination of this application in view of the above amendments is respectfully requested.

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